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Applicants

:Chikara MURAKATA et al.

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: M-STAGE KINESIN INHIBITOR

REQUEST FOR DELETION OF INVENTOR UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.48(b)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the above-referenced application be amended by deleting the following inventors:

Chikara Murakata

Yoshinori Yamashita

Ryuichiro Nakai

Kazuhito Akasaka

Kazuhiko Kato

Yushi Kitamura

Accordingly, only Yoji Ino remains as an inventor in the present application.

The inventors were correctly listed when the application was filed and the prosecution of the application has resulted in the cancellation of claims so that fewer than all of the currently named inventors are the actual inventor of the invention being claimed in the application. In particular, only Yoji Ino remains as the inventor of the subject matter of claims 29-40 presently pending in the application.

This petition is accompanied by a processing fee of \$130.00 set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i), and accordingly is in full compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.48(b).

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